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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 Twelfth Street, SW
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Re: Supplement to Request for Extension of Time to Construct Full-Power DTV Facilities for Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 17, 2005, Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc. ("Nexstar), the licensee of television broadcast stations WHAG-TV, Hagerstown, Maryland; WBRE-TV, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; KARK-TV, Little Rock, Arkansas; WROC-TV, Rochester, New York; KSFX-TV, Springfield, Missouri; KTAL-TV, Texarkana, Texas; WCIA(TV), Champaign, Illinois; and WTVW(TV), Evansville, Indiana, submitted a request for extension of time to construct full-power digital television facilities for these stations (with a request for confidentiality).

Nexstar's requested extension for financial and technical reasons, noting that many of the stations' antenna structures require upgrade or replacement prior to installation of full-power digital television equipment. Nexstar hereby supplements its request for extension with the enclosed letter from Morrison Hershfield Corporation, its tower consultant. Morrison Hershfield provides more detailed information about the necessary tower upgrades for WBRE-TV, KARK-TV, WROC-TV, KTAL-TV and WCIA(TV) and an estimated time for completion of these repairs.

Please address any questions concerning this supplement to Howard Liberman of this firm at (202) 842-8876 or to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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August 10, 2005

Mr. Rick Stolpe Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc. 62 South Franklin Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Re: Tower Upgrades

Dear Rick:

As part of our comprehensive analysis for Nexstar's full-power DTV television buildout we have determined that a number of your stations' antenna structures require strengthening or replacement prior to the installation of the equipment necessary for fullpower DTV operations. Below is a summary of the current status of Nexstar's top-100 market station antenna structures which are in need of repair before installing additional DTV equipment, a description of the work required and an estimate of the time required to make the required repairs once work is begun.

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (WBRE) - This tower is slightly overstressed for the installation of antennas for Nexstar-owned WBRE and Mission Broadcasting owned WYOU (which also will operate from this tower). The tower will require re-tensioning of the guy wires at all five (5) guy levels. We anticipate the total duration of engineering, material fabrication and construction to take approximately 2 months.

Little Rock (KARK) - This tower is moderately overstressed for the DTV antenna installation. The tower will require replacement of diagonal members and bolts from 186 to 261 ft, 343 to 449 ft, 546 to 651 ft, 756 – 839 ft and 951 to 966 ft above grade. We anticipate the total duration of engineering, material fabrication and construction to take approximately 4 months.

Rochester (WROC) - This tower is moderately overstressed for the DTV antenna installation. The tower will require replacement of overstressed diagonal members from 12 to 60 ft above grade, 87 to 112 ft and from 162 to 194 ft above grade. In addition, the existing four (4) foundation pedestals should be reinforced by adding four (4) new concrete pads at the base of the tower. We anticipate the total duration of engineering, material fabrication and construction to take approximately 3 months.

Shreveport/Texarkana (KTAL) - This tower is significantly overstressed for the DTV antenna installation. The tower will require the installation of two (2) new torsion resistors and twelve (12) new guy wires at elevations of 419 ft and 1159 ft above grade. Further, the tower mast will require replacement of overstressed diagonal members from 459 to 529 ft, 559 to 579 ft, 809 to 819 ft, 889 to 899 ft, 939 to 949 ft, 1159 to 1179 ft and 1269 to 1279 ft

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above grade. Also, mid-horizontals will need to be installed from 419 to 649 ft, 819 to 829 ft, 939 to 949 ft, 1059 to 1099 ft and 1249 to 1379 ft above grade. We anticipate the total duration of engineering, material fabrication and construction to take approximately eight months.

Champaign (WCIA) - This tower is severely overstressed for the DTV antenna installation. The tower will require the addition of three (3) new guy anchors, installation of three (3) new guy wires and replacement of all existing guy wires. The tower mast will also need additional horizontal bracing from 8 to 135 ft, 173 to 323 ft and 510 to 780 ft above grade. We anticipate the total duration of engineering, material fabrication and construction to take approximately twelve months.

Engineering work has commenced for WBRE, KARK and WROC. We project that these three stations will be on the air with full power DTV operations by December 2005. The tower work for KTAL and WCIA is scheduled to start in early January 2006. The expected on air dates for full power DTV operations for KTAL and WCIA are September 2006 and December 2006 respectively. The anticipated time periods are based on our experience with similar scope of work carried out on overstressed towers. This is subject to change depending on material and crew availability as well as unforeseen weather related delays.

Sincerely,

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